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(b) the financial commitment resulting from such enhancement both present and future?

A.—(a) The reasons for revising the pay of the draughtsmen establishment are stated in G.O. No. 1083 W., dated 28th March 1929, a copy of which is laid on the table.[a]

(b) The ultimate extra cost per annum on account of the revision is Rs. 37,856. The extra cost during 1929–30 is estimated to be Rs. 16,873.

Supersession of the Anakapalle Municipality.

*141-A Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what are the reasons which led to the supersession of the Anakapalle Municipality;

(b) whether the allegation that sanitation and communications in 1927–28 had not been properly attended to was one of such reasons;

(c) whether the then Collector of the district was well impressed with the condition of the roads;

(d) whether the composition of the municipal council is the same now (1929) as it was in 1927–28; if not, why the members of one council have been held responsible for the alleged wrongs of another council;

(e) whether the Government considered the desirability of taking any action short of supersession and if so, why they thought that supersession was necessary; and

(f) whether the chairman of the municipal council in 1927–28 had not followed the instructions of the Government or the Revenue Divisional Officer in regard to sanitation or road repair?

A.—(a) The reasons which led to the supersession of the Anakapalle Municipality were its persistent maladministration, characterized by an absence of efficiency in every department by neglect of roads, sanitation and drainage and by a financial confusion so complete as to lead to the non-payment of salary to its establishment for months on end;

(b) Yes.

(c) No. On the other hand, the Collector found that roads were, except in one instance, in a deplorable condition;

(d) The maladministration in question was not only in respect of 1927–28 but also of the subsequent period;

(e) Yes. But they considered that under present conditions the dissolution of the municipality and its immediate reconstitution was not likely to result in that change in its constitution which was urgently necessary in the interests of municipal administration. Further, they believed that the municipal affairs had reached such a pitch of mismanagement and inefficiency that a period of direct official control was essential to their recovery;

(f) Government have no information. From many reports they received subsequent to 1927–28 they were led to believe that both these matters have been grossly neglected.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 346–347 infra.

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* 141-B Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for which Anakapalle Municipality was superseded ;

(b) whether any explanation was called for from the municipal council; and

(c) if so, what the reply was?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 141-A.

(b) The statutory notice to show cause against supersession was served upon the council and its reply was received ;

(c) The Council's explanation was partly a denial of the allegations against it and partly a promise to amend, with neither of which the Government were sufficiently impressed.

* 141-C Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state in reference to the order of supersession of the Anakapalle Municipality—

(a) the reasons for the supersession ; and

(b) why the provisions of supersession have been utilized in preference to the provisions of dissolution?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clauses (a) and (e) of the answer to question No. 141-A.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. Minister for Local Self-Government whether the composition of the Municipal Council in 1927–28 was the same as that in 1929?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I believe it was."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether the municipal council was warned in 1927–28 as to their fate?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Yes; I believe the chairman was told that, if mismanagement continued, the Government would have to take action."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether the experiment of dissolution was tried at least once?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Dissolution was not resorted to because after careful consideration and from the report of the Collector the Government found that dissolution would not bring about the desired change which we wanted."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—"May I know what was the change which the Government wanted?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The desired change was to get a council which would think of administration and not of party factions."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—"May I ask whether the Government think that if there be change in the chairmanship that will be a change for the better in the administration?"

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The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The Government do not think that even a change in the chairman would effect any change for the better."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapathi Raju :—" May I know if the Government are aware that, during the period of maladministration, the Revenue Divisional Officer was in charge of the municipality ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I know whether the report received from the Collector was made after enquiry by himself or by his subordinate officers ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" After personal investigation by Mr. Bracken."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapathi Raju :—" May I ask whether the Government are aware that the report of the Inspector of Local Bodies was in favour of continuing the present Chairman and giving him further time for remedying the defects ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" There was no report from the Inspector of Local Boards."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapathi Raju :—" May I know if the Government are aware that the Inspector of Local Boards has recorded his remarks in the municipal records and that a copy of the same has been sent to the Local Self-Government Department ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" As the matter was gone into by the Collector of the district, naturally we take the report of the Collector."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I ask if the municipality has made any representation that if they are given an opportunity they would improve matters ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It has been said already that they did not give proper explanation except saying that they would try to remedy maladministration."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapathi Raju :—" May I ask which would carry more weight, the report of the Collector or that of the Inspector of Local Bodies ? "

11-45 a.m. The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I have already stated that there was no report either from the Inspector-General of Panchayats or Inspector of Local Boards."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I ask whether the report sent by Mr. Bracken will be placed on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" No, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" Is it a secret document ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It is not a question of secret document. Collectors would be nervous if all their reports are to be dissected."

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Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether the Collector of the district recommended supersession and, if so, is it for such a long period as two years ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The Collector recommended supersession and that for the long period of two years."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether the charges were intimated to the municipality, whether the municipality replied that they would improve the situation and whether they admitted maladministration ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"They never admitted maladministration; they simply said they would try to improve."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—"May I ask if the municipal council did not make any representation to the Government after receiving warning and point out the various improvements that have been effected by the council after the maladministration which existed before the advent of the present council ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The report of Mr. Bracken does not point to any improvements; on the other hand things have become worse."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—"My question is whether the municipal council and its chairman pointed out the improvements that have been carried out in the administration when an explanation was called for from them ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I have already stated that the explanation was not convincing."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know, Sir, whether Mr. Bracken lived in the municipality for any length of time ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Mr. Bracken conducted the enquiry as I said."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know, Sir, whom Mr. Bracken examined, whether he examined any citizens there ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know whether there were any complaints from the citizens of the municipality ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"There were a good number of complaints."

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"With reference to clause (*b*) of the question, have the Government considered the necessity of suspending the municipality for a short time because the present council is not responsible for the state of things in 1927 ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"We are not concerned with the state of things in 1927 alone; we are also concerned with the conditions in 1929."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether the hon. the Minister is prepared to examine the question once again by an agency other than the Collector ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I do not think any useful purpose will be served by such an examination."

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" May I know whether at one time there was a hitch apprehended between the two contending factions of the municipality ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" That is so, Sir."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" When ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" At the beginning of this year."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether any severe strictures were passed on the administration report of the municipality for the years 1927–28 and 1928–29 ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Notice, Sir."

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" May I know whether the question of the desirability of affording a chance to the present council to rectify what has been done by its predecessor has been considered ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The council has had one whole year to rectify this, and it has done nothing."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" Is it not a fact that it was the Tahsildar who really conducted the enquiry, that the Tahsildar and the Revenue Divisional Officer differed and that Mr. Bracken did not go and personally conduct the enquiry ? In view of this question, will the hon. the Minister be pleased to verify the facts ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" At least my impression is that Mr. Bracken conducted the enquiry."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapathi Raju :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether he toured the district after the warning was given to the municipality to know what the views of the people were in regard to supersession ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Yes, Sir, I did ; and I had a long talk with Mr. Bracken who convinced me that nothing could be done to set matters right except by supersession."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapathi Raju :—" Did the hon. the Minister take the trouble of personally making enquiries, so that he might know whether Mr. Bracken or the municipal council or the chairman was representing the real state of affairs ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I have also consulted several citizens in Anakapalle who visited me at Vizagapatam."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know, Sir, whether the citizens of Anakapalle desired that the franchise of the Anakapalle citizens should be suspended for two years or did they want the Government to give the council another opportunity ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" As a matter of fact, most of the people whom I met told me that the best thing would be to supersede the council."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" Who are they ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Citizens of Anakapalle, but I cannot disclose their names."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" To what party do they belong ? "

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I do not think they belong to any party."

Mr. B. Venkataratnam put a question in Telugu.

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"That has already been answered, Sir. I said that the Government did get a report on the working of the new council."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"May I know who the present chairman is?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Mr. Alexander Wright."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"What was he before he entered this honorary service? Was he in Government service?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I do not know. I believe he was a contractor."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know if even now the hon. the Minister is not prepared to investigate into the matter once more and find out whether a sufficient opportunity has been given to the new council to put matters right?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I think, Sir, a sufficient opportunity has been given."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The Council will now pass on to the next item."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Irrigation

Estimates and plans for the Kanchalamma tank project.

142 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state---

(a) whether the detailed estimates and plans are now ready for the Kanchalamma tank project; and

(b) if so, whether it will be taken up in the next official year?

A.—(a) Not yet. It is expected that the field work will be completed by the end of August.

(b) Until the estimates and plans have been received and examined, it cannot be said when the project will be taken up.

Improvement of irrigation facilities in Nellore district.

143 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what new schemes have been put forward and carried out to improve the irrigation facilities in Nellore district within the last four years and

(b) whether they have any comprehensive list of new works to be undertaken either to improve the existing projects or to bring in new areas under wet cultivation?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the table.[a]

[a] Printed as Appendix X on pages 347-348 infra.